

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 as follows:

Referring to Fig. 1, reference numeral 1 denotes a license server; numeral 11 denotes a license table for storing licenses that can be used by users; numeral 12 references a terminal ID information table for storing IDs identifying terminals and information on their users; and numeral 13 denotes an issued temporary license information table for storing issuance information on temporary licenses generated from the license ~~table~~; ~~20-a~~ table 11. A communication control section 20 is connected to a wired or wireless public communication network or to a private communication network for communicating with ~~terminals~~; ~~21-an~~ terminals, such as the exemplary terminal 2. An encryption/decryption control section ~~for performing~~ 21 performs encryption/description processing on a temporary license when exchanging it with a ~~terminal~~; ~~22-an~~ terminal 2. An authentication control section ~~for determining~~ 22 determines a user ~~ID~~ ID, based on a terminal ID identifying a terminal to perform authentication ~~processing~~; ~~23-an~~ processing. An issuance control section ~~for issuing~~ 20 issues a temporary license based on a license stored in the license ~~table~~; ~~24-a~~ table 11. A return control section ~~for updating~~ 24 updates a license stored in the license table 11, when a temporary license has been returned from a ~~terminal~~; ~~3-a~~ terminal 2. A communication network 3, such as a wired or wireless public communication network or private communication ~~network~~; ~~2-a~~ network, connects the server 1 to a terminal; ~~30-a~~ 2.

In the terminal 2, communication control section 30 ~~connected~~ connects to a ~~wired or wireless public communication network or private communication~~ the network 3 for communicating with the license ~~server~~; ~~31-a~~ server 1. A license module ~~for obtaining~~,

~~returning, and managing~~ 31 obtains, returns, and manages a temporary license; ~~32 an~~
~~license. An encryption/decryption section 32 is provided for decrypting encrypted~~
~~content content~~, by use of a content key included in a temporary license ~~and used to~~
~~decrypt content; 33 a~~ license. A content reproduction section for reproducing 33
reproduces decrypted ~~content; 34 a content. A temporary license table for storing 34~~
stores temporary licenses; ~~35 licenses. A terminal IDs identifying terminals; 36 a An ID~~
35 identifies each terminal 2. A terminal application for controlling 34 controls the
~~terminal; and 37 encrypted terminal 2. Encrypted content 37 may be locally stored.~~ The
license table 11, the terminal ID information table 12, the issued temporary license
information table 13, the temporary license table 34, and the encrypted content 37 are
stored in a rewritable storage device. The terminal IDs 35, on the other hand, are stored
in a non-rewritable storage device.